

The Knowies K"news" - 2012

January 19 – The family started off the New Year with Jonathan testing for 3rd gup (blue with write strip) in Tang Su Do. Julie got a new camera for Christmas and is learning how to use it. She sort of got the picture!!



February 28 – This evening was one of four Court of Honors that Jonathan's troop holds every year. This Court of Honor was very special for us, because Jonathan received his Tenderfoot rank!



March 21 – Jonathan started off 6th grade playing the trumpet, but after the first semester, he switched to the Baritone (or the Euphonium) which is basically a sized-down Tuba. This picture was from one of the many concerts they had during the year.



May 18 – May was a very busy month with Julie receiving the Scouting District Award of Merit for her years as the Black Mountain District Cub Scout Day Camp Director. It's the highest award given to a volunteer!



May 19 – Julie's nephew married the beautiful Jessica Resolme at the San Diego Temple.



May 20 – Julie and Jonathan traveled up to Temecula to celebrate Kristin Powell's college graduation. The Powell's were Julie's next door neighbors for 5 years in Escondido and Julie's known Kristin since she was 5! What a great day!!



June 10 – Jonathan led the Flag Day ceremony for Troop 648 and Julie couldn't have been more proud!!!



July 8 to July 14– Julie didn't make the mistake of scheduling vacation over Jonathan's Boy Scout Summer Camp, so Jonathan headed up to Lost Valley (near Temecula) for a week of fun! He worked on Second and First Class rank requirements and on his Nature, Weather and Reptiles &

Amphibians merit badges.

July 22 to Aug 4– Back in 2011, Julie's nephew had mentioned a desire to go to Yellowstone "before the super volcano blows up"!



So Julie planned a two week summer vacation that was SO MUCH FUN! Richard, Julie, Jonathan, Julie's



niece Adra, Julie's nephew Stan and his friend piled into what Julie called the "Big Black Beast" and hit the road.

We went to Las Vegas, Hoover Dam, Arches Nat'l Park, Dinosaur

Nat'l Monument, Grand Teton Nat'l Park,

Yellowstone Nat'l Park, Salt Lake City and Pimm (Stateline) before finally making it back home! We had so much fun!



In Yellowstone, we saw lots and lots and LOTS of buffalo, including this one that looked like it was going to charge us while we were in the Beast. This is the picture Julie took while screaming at Richard to Go, Go, GO!!



August – Jonathan started back to school as a 7th grader

and he liked Lost Valley so much for summer camp, that he and Julie went back up for the weekend so Jonathan could earn his Horsemanship merit badge.

October 13– We got tickets for the MCAS Miramar Air Show where Jonathan got to watch the Blue Angels for the first time and we also saw this awesome Robosaurus!



November 23 – We were blessed with Julie's dad, sister, brother-in-law and niece coming down to visit for Thanksgiving. Besides lots of yummy food at Julie's cousin (Doug and Carol Twining), all of Julie's family headed to Sea World for a day of fun!!

From Left to Right: Tim Killen, Stan Nelson, Linda Killen, Jack Schmidt, Kris Killen, Adra Nelson, Laurie Nelson, Jonathan Knowles, David Nelson, Julie Knowles, Jessica Nelson (Resolme) and Andy Nelson.



December 2 – Julie came home from a weekend with the Knowles' girls (Jane, Joy and Carol) to find that we had a new pet! The Knowles' Family is proud to announce and show to everyone, their new Bearded Dragon Steve (or as Julie likes to affectionately call him "Stevie").

Stevie is growing by leaps and bounds now and loves to sun himself on his fallen piece of wood and just let it all hang loose (and there's quite a bit more of him to hang loose these days)! His diet consists of mainly crickets and an occasional snack of greens.

December 21 – The Device Engineering ladies of Cricket: Imelda, Deepti and Julie. Julie became permanent at Cricket on August 6th and has been enjoying her time there and playing with all the new handsets!



December 22 – We surprised Jane on her 82nd birthday with a dinner at Black Angus. She had no idea that her kids, grandkids and great grandkids would be there. We had a great time together and we love you so much Jane!



May everyone have a wonderful and prosperous year in 2013!

Richard, Julie and Jonathan Knowles